



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of: §
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Nikolaus Z. Schwabe §

For: POSTAGE STAMP INDICATING COMPLETION
OF STERILIZATION PROCESS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

"EXPRESS MAIL" Mailing Label No. ET783126840US

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Sir:

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Applicant hereby requests that this application be made special. The application clearly defines a system and method for use in augmenting a countermeasure to terrorists attempting to infect people with deadly microorganisms through the mail. To defeat these terrorists' activities, the U.S. Postal Service must employ a cost-effective method of destroying the microorganisms while simultaneously improving the confidence by the general public in the safety of the mail system. The application provides a system and method of indicating to the public that the mail has undergone a sterilization process rendering the mail safe. Thus, the application falls under the category of an

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invention to counter terrorism, and, therefore should be made special. In addition, a fee in the amount of \$130 is being submitted with this petition, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h).

Respectfully submitted,



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